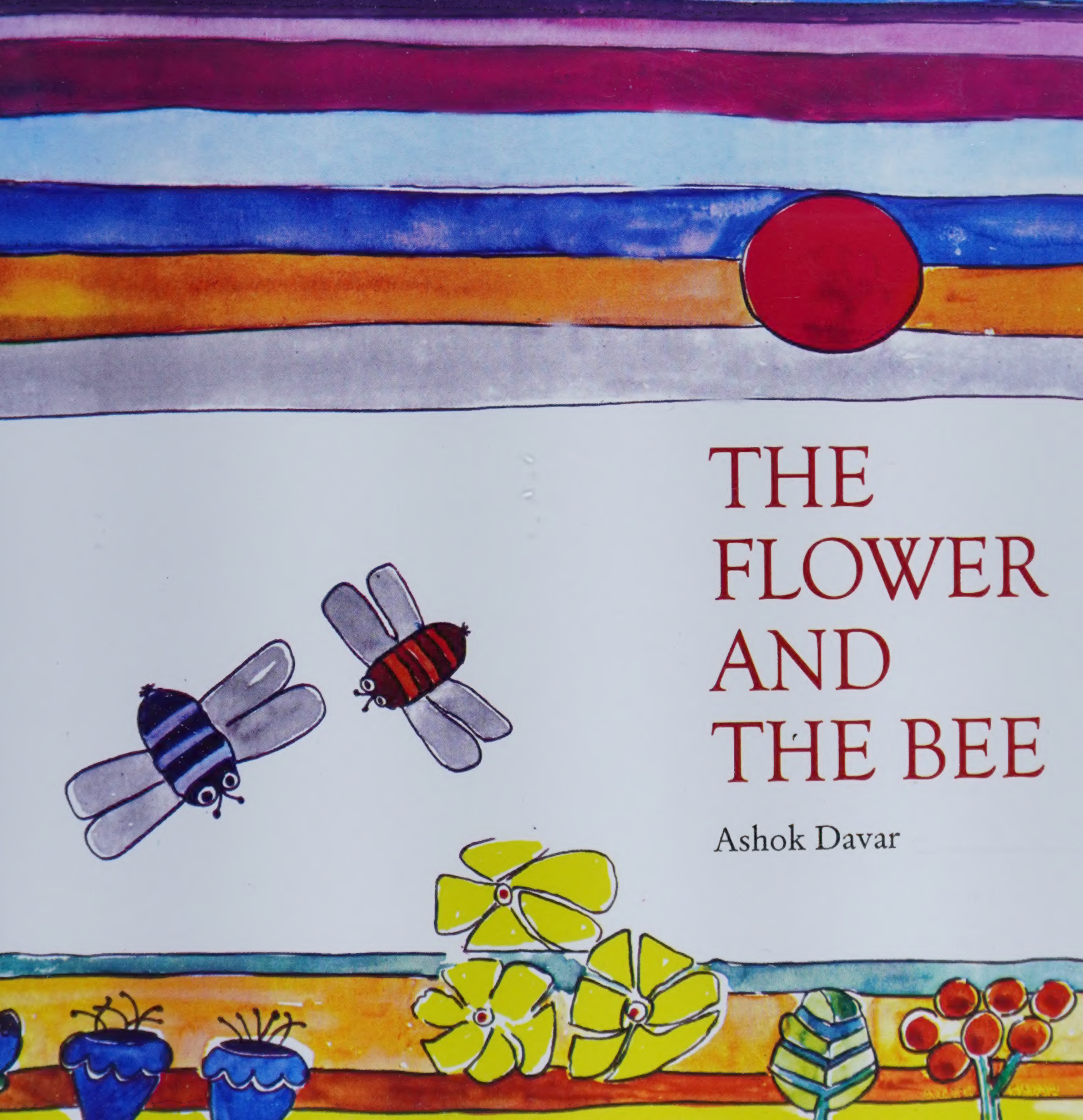

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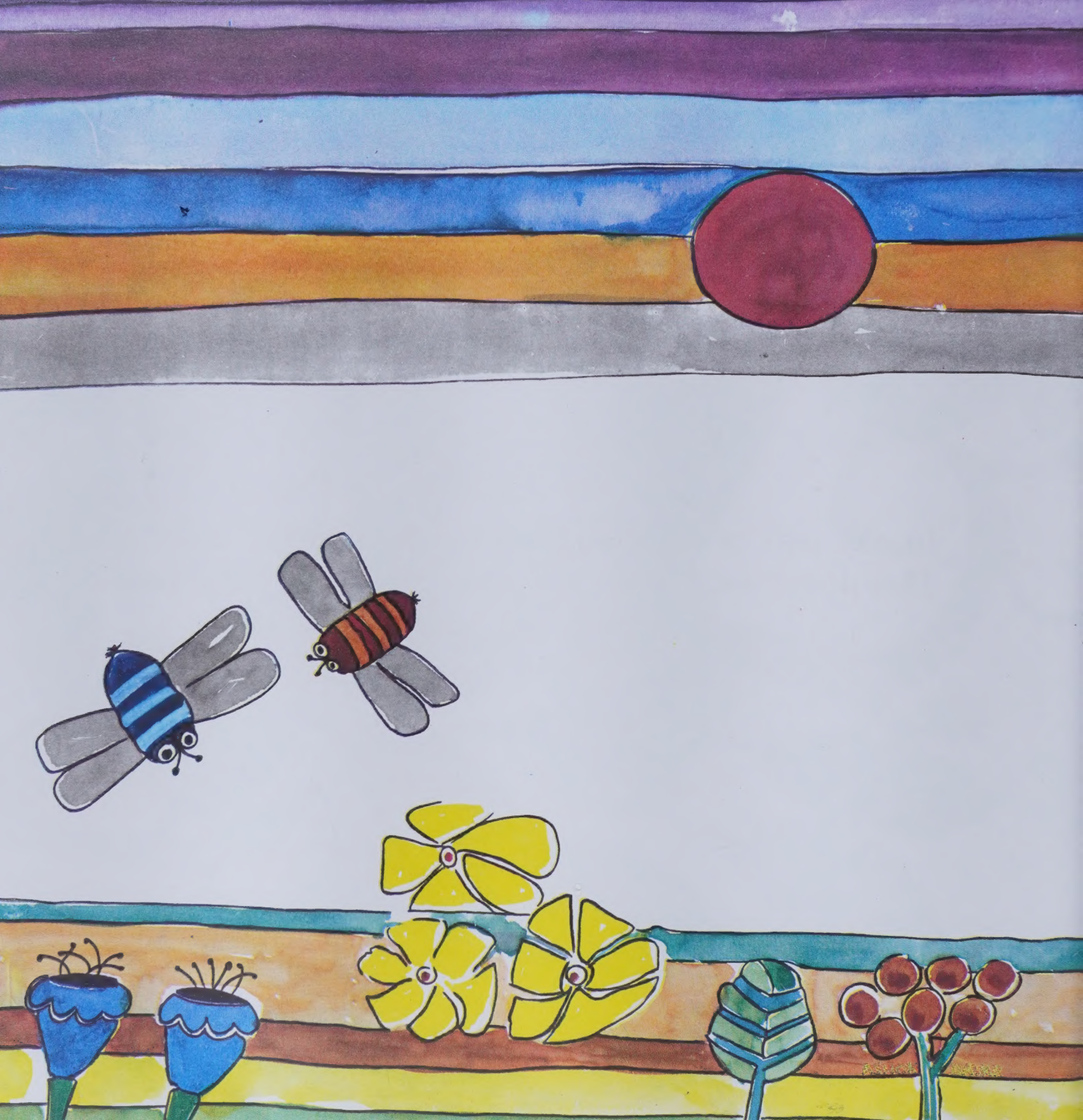
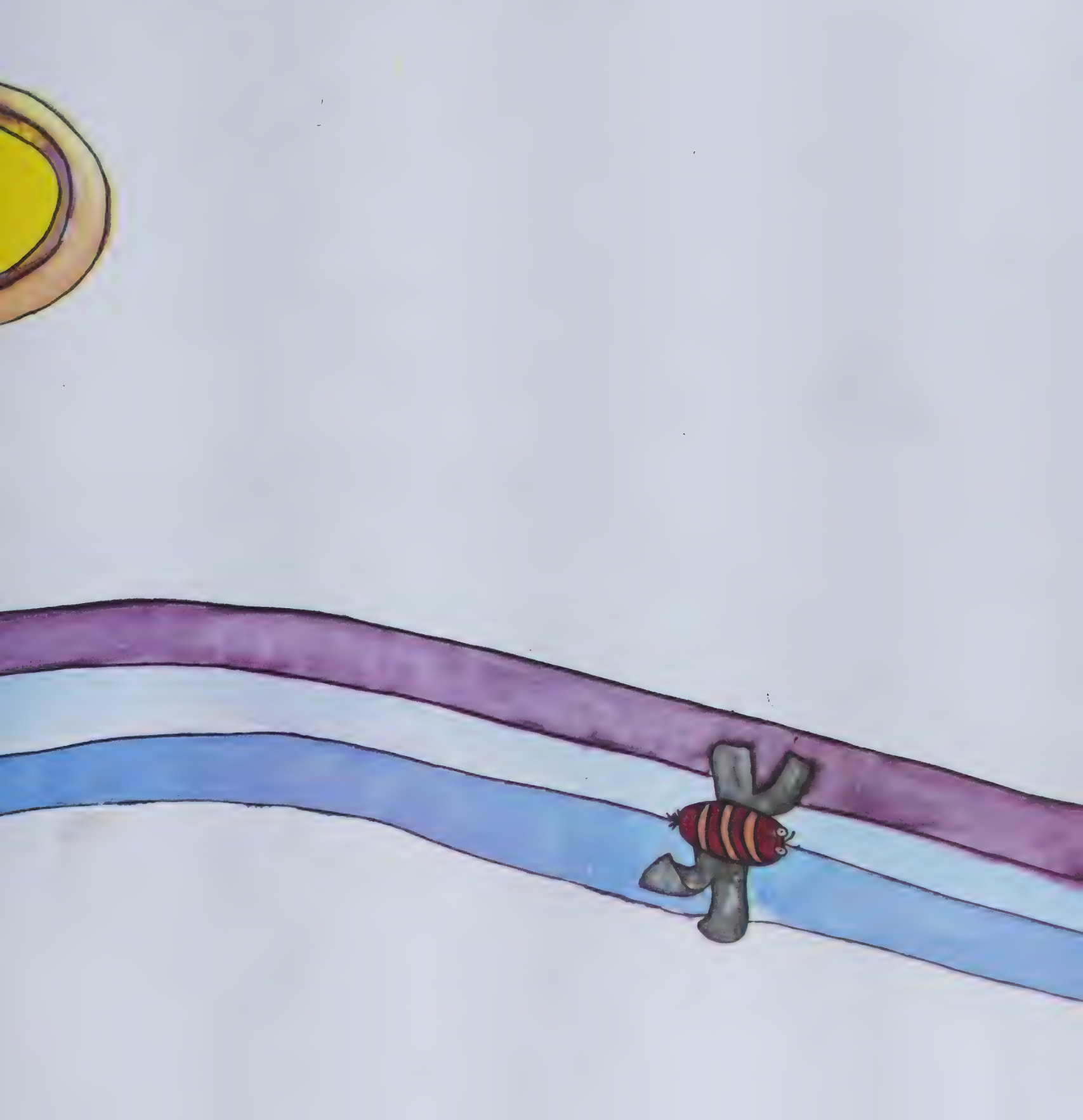
Once there was a beehive on the branch of a large beautiful tree.

In one part of the hive lived two bees, Mitha and Mithi. They loved each other and shared all their happiness.



Every morning they hummed a song of love. During the day they flew from flower to flower gathering honey. In the evening they buzzed and danced around the hive.

One morning Mitha was too tired to go out. So Mithi had to go alone to gather honey. As she was leaving the tree a strong wind began to blow. The wind was so strong that Mithi was blown far, far away.

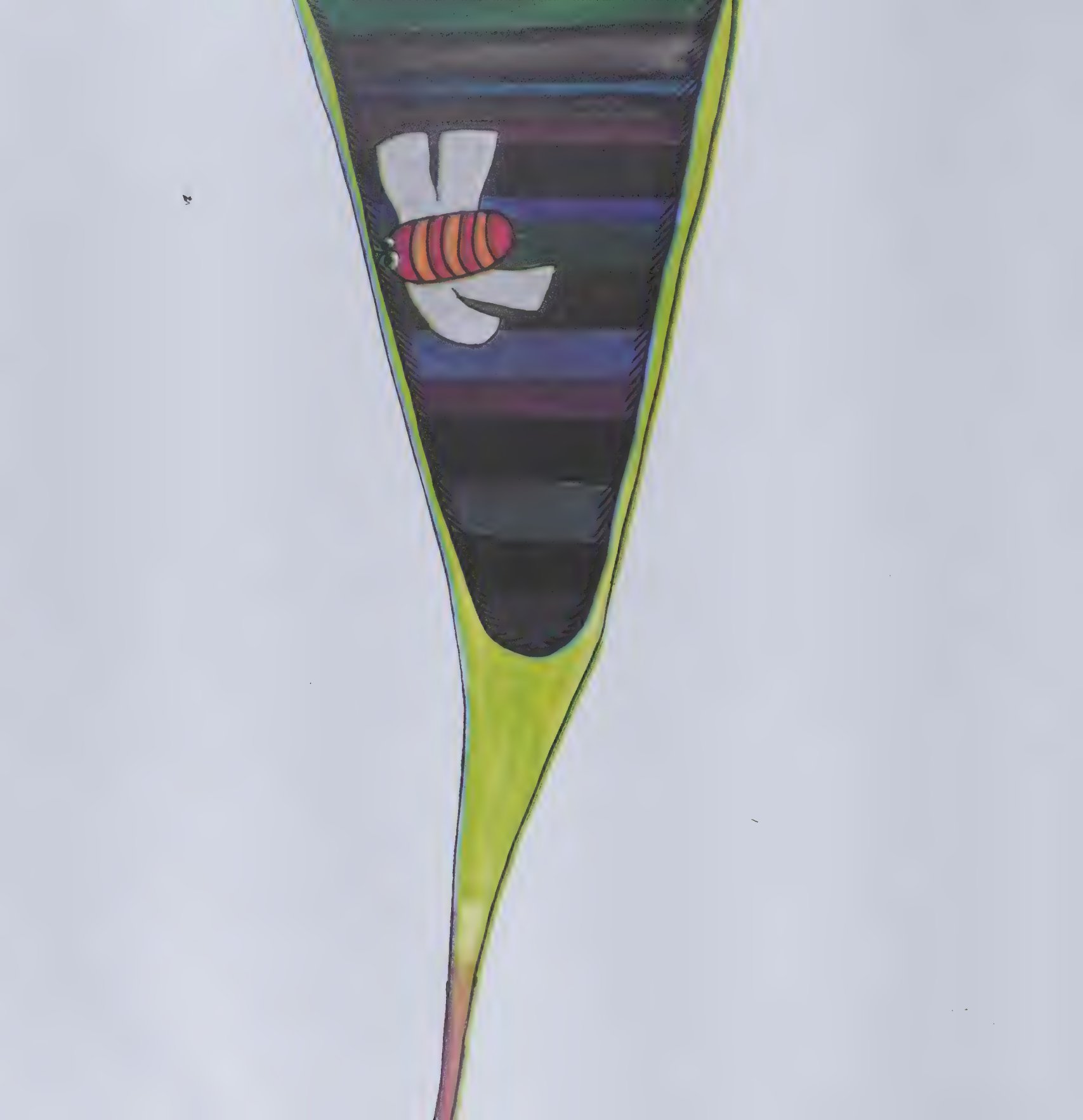


She found herself in a strange garden. The garden was full of beautiful flowers such as Mithi had never seen before. She flew round and round.

Then she peeped inside a big green flower. "This must have lots of honey. Let me go in and see," she said to herself.

But as soon as she went in, the flower suddenly closed its petals.

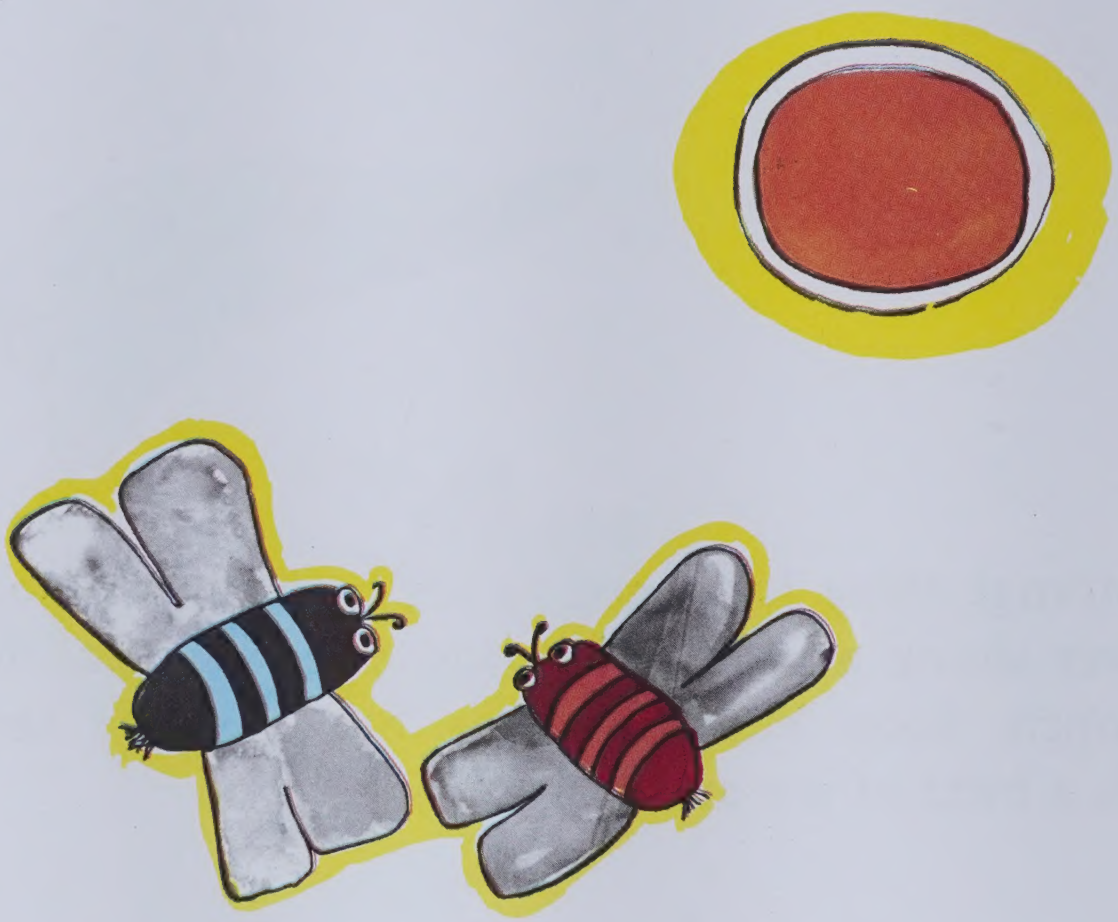
It became dark inside and she was trapped.



Mithi tried to force her way out with all her strength. She hit the petals, she bit the petals, but the harder she tried the more the flower closed her in.

Soon she was too tired to fight against the flower and she began thinking of Mitha. Thinking of him, Mithi forgot her troubles and started humming the song they both used to hum together.

A strange thing happened as she hummed the song. The flower shook a little and slowly, petal by petal, it began to open. Soon Mithi was free. She unfolded her wings with a buzz of joy and flew away.



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